

Effective November 2006 in conformance with the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is promulgating rules to define acceptable documentation of citizenship and identity of all persons declaring United States citizenship who are applying for or receiving Medical Assistance (including Rite Care). Medical Assistance may be denied for noncompliance with this regulation.

Additionally, under the provisions of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, children born to mothers whose alien status is determined to be undocumented or who is a qualified alien but has been here less than five (5) years, are not automatically eligible to receive Medical Assistance. The parent(s) of these children must file a new application in order to determine their eligibility for Medical Assistance.